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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Recognized Word Registration in Accordance with Speech Recognition

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability dated May 4, 2005 in the above-identified application.
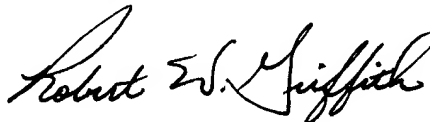
COMMENTS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "Statement") given on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability. Based on this review, it appears that certain portions of the Statement may be viewed as mischaracterizing the actual limitations of the allowed claims.

Applicants believe that an accurate characterization of the claimed invention, and one that is specifically recited in the allowed claims, is "the claimed invention recites, among other things, techniques for use in recognized word registration, for a speech recognition apparatus that includes

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a display screen and a voice input device, comprising the steps of: obtaining a word inscription specified by a user; searching a word dictionary to obtain a sounds-like spelling corresponding to said word inscription; searching a pronunciation dictionary to obtain a base form corresponding to said sounds-like spelling that has been obtained; and registering said base form in a speech recognition dictionary (as in independent claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12); and techniques for use in recognized word registration, for a speech recognition apparatus that includes a display screen and a voice input device, comprising the steps of: determining whether first voice information obtained for a user's voice matches a predetermined condition; displaying on said display screen, when said voice information matches said predetermined condition, a speech recognition wizard panel that includes a new word input field and a sounds-like spelling input field; obtaining a new word and a sounds-like spelling that are entered in said speech recognition wizard panel; obtaining second voice information based on said user's pronunciation provided for said new word and said sounds-like spelling; employing said second voice information, said new word and said sounds-like spelling to specifically describe a base form; and adding said base form to a speech recognition dictionary (as in independent claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12)."

In summary, Applicants believe that each of the independent claims 1-12 is allowable because the particular limitations thereof are not taught or suggested by the art of record. To the extent that the Statement includes language which deviates from the actual language used in the particular limitations of these claims, or language which characterizes the prior art in a manner inconsistent with the position of Applicants, the Statement is respectfully traversed.

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